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Trade with Pakistan
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total trade carried out between India and Pakistan in terms of exports and imports during the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether the trade between India and Pakistan has got affected due to recent tension between the two countries and if so, the details thereof and the affected items along with the amount of these items;
(c) whether the Government proposes to make some changes in trade relations with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(d) whether Pakistan has banned the import of drugs made in India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(e) whether any committee has been constituted to discuss the trade related issues between the two countries and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The value of India's imports, exports and total trade with Pakistan during the last three years and the current year (up to October, 2016) areas under:

(In US$ million)

Year	Imports	Exports	Total Trade
2013-14	426.88	2274.26	2701.14
2014-15	497.31	1857.29	2354.60
2015-16	441.03	2171.14	2612.17
2016-17 (April-October) (P*)	293.24	874.67	1167.91

P*: Provisional Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata

(b): While there has been marginal decline in value of bilateral trade between the two countries from US$ 1208.75 million in the period April to October,2015 to US$ 1167.91 million in the period April to October,2016, the change in value of exports of individual commodities shows a mixed trend. Value of exports of some major products has increased in the period April to October,2016 as compared to the period April to October,2015such as organic chemicals from US$ 48.92 million to 105.25 million, cotton yarn from US$ 52.92 to 88.47 million, fresh vegetables from US$ 30.32 to 41.27 million, etc, while value of exports of certain other products has declined in the same period, such as plastic raw materials from US$ 66.48 to 53.12 million, manmade yarn/fabric/made-ups from US$ 124.33 to 51.14 million, pulses from US$ 31.44 to 20.28 million etc.

(c): No such decision has been taken, so far, in context of various factors including composition of bilateral trade, likely impact thereof, etc.

(d): Pakistan maintains a Negative List of 1209 products not allowed to be imported from India, which includes 49 pharmaceutical products.

(e): No such committee has been constituted, so far. However, bilateral discussions at various levels, have been held with Pakistan on trade related issues, including the meeting of the Commerce Ministers of India and Pakistan on January 18, 2014 on the side lines of 5th SAARC Business Leaders Conclave held at New Delhi and meeting between Commerce Secretaries of India and Pakistan in Islamabad on September 20-21, 2012.
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